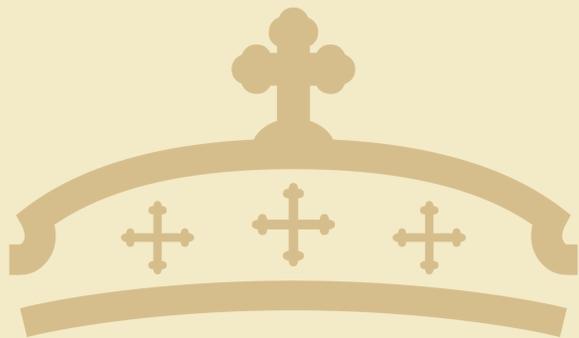


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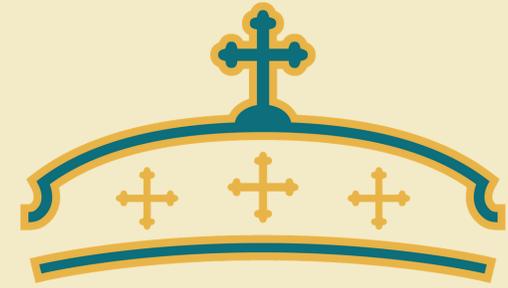


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# **St. Anthony Orthodox Church**

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**Our mission:** We pray and strive to bear witness to the Orthodox Faith by caring for the people of God and our neighbor and to embody Christ's teachings through prayer, study, and hospitality. We live to proclaim the fullness of the Orthodox faith in our lives and to the city of Butler as we share our love, fellowship, and charitable works.

**St. Nicholas of Myra  
(10th Sunday of Luke)  
December 6, 2020**





## Remember in Your Prayers:

**LIVING:** Newborn Isaac (Heath); newly baptized Nicholas (DiNunzio); Larry Hamil (undergoing cancer treatment); Michael (Stephine's husband); Vassila (Georgia's godmother); Dollie; Maura (Andronic); Don (Dollie's brother); Ann (Wilson); Nyal, Jean's son-in-law (motorcycle accident); Joseph Totin; Christine (Abraham); Venetia; Maura; Ann; Ed, Peter, John, Jonathan and Joanna; Andrei; Kent, Bob, David (relatives of Jean); Diane; Susannah; Ed Sr (Totin).

**DEPARTED:** Joseph Sipos (Dolly's husband) Karen (Jane Best's daughter); Frank (Seba's brother); Kurt (Melinda's father); Jackie (Rose Totin's mother); Maria (Stella Lyras' sister); Sula; Kurt (Diane's son); Norma; Miltiades; Tim (Becker); Silviu; Ross (Chrissi's friend); Richard Johns; Viorica; Bishop Antoun; Vito (DiPento); Jim and Marion (Raimondi); Stephanie (Yazge); Job; George (Georgiades); Abie (Abraham); Bill (Thomas); Marta.

## At the Little Entrance

O' Come let us worship and fall down before Christ!  
*Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, as we sing to Thee:  
Alleluia!*

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1):**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (Tone 4)**

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

### **TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY (Tone 4 Russian):**

Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

### **KONTAKION: THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (Tone 3):**

Today the Virgin gives birth, to the Transcendent One, and the earth presents a cave, to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds give Him glory, wisemen follow a star as they journey to Him who is God of all ages, yet for our sake is born as a little child.

**TONE 1, Eothinon 4-** Nicholas, bishop of Patara; New-  
martyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia  
Minor

**First Antiphon:**

-It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto  
Thy Name, O Most High! -To proclaim in the morning Thy  
mercy and Thy truth by night! -Upright is the Lord our God  
and there is no unrighteousness in Him!

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O  
Savior, save us.

-Glory... Both now... **(Refrain)**

**Second Antiphon:**

-The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is  
clothed with strength and has girt Himself! -For He  
established the world which not be shaken!

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the  
dead, as we chant to Thee, Alleluia!

-Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days!  
**(Refrain)**

-Glory... Both now...**(Refrain)**

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

## Announcements

- Please bring canned goods and other dry foods each Sunday. We will be giving donations to the Butler, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry every week until Christmas.
- Friends, we remain in arrears on our stewardship in this crazy year. Please do your best to help us meet our obligations.
- Welcome to Advent! Be sure and take part in the Sacrament of Confession during this Nativity Season.



## Today's Epistle Reading:

### Prokeimenon:

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?"

### The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:17-21).

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Today's Gospel Reading:

### The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.